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Letitia Baldrige Leaves

White House Aide Resigns

THERE WILL BE a new White House Social Secretary June 1.

Letitia Baldrige has resigned the post effective the end of May. Her place will be taken by Nancy Tuckerman, a former roommate of First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, Conn.

These announcements were made yesterday by the White House.

"It's bad for all of us that Tish is going," said one of her co-workers. "But it is wonderful for her that she has such a fine new job."

Miss Baldrige will still be a member of the "Kennedy family interests." She will have an executive position with the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, owned by the President's father, Joseph P. Kennedy.

The Merchandise Mart expects to expand into the international field.

Miss Baldrige's fluent command of French, Italian, and Spanish is said to have won her the new job.

PIERRE SALINGER, White House Press Secretary, said that Miss Baldrige is leaving at her own request.

"She said that she would like to try something else that would give her broader experience," said Salinger. "The Kennedy family thinks very highly of her, so she has been asked to take a job in the new international expansion program of the Merchandise Mart."

Miss Baldrige was appointed White House Social Secretary in November, 1960. Before that she had been social secretary at the U. S. Embassy in Rome under the former U. S. Ambassador to Italy, Clare Boothe Luce. Prior to that, she served at the American Embassy in Paris.



NANCY TUCKERMAN
... a new job

After her Rome post, she wrote an amusing account of her service in Italy, "Roman Candle."

MISS TUCKERMAN has been in and out of Washington several times recently, trying to get the feel of her new duties. She was a guest at the dinner which President and Mrs. Kennedy gave for Vice President and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Mrs. Earl Warren, and Speaker of the House and Mrs. John W. McCormack.

Before that, she was the weekend guest of President and Mrs. Kennedy at Glen Ora, their 400-acre rented estate at Middleburg, Va.

In the travel business, she has planned many trips for members of Mrs. Kennedy's family, including that of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, stepfather and mother of Mrs. Kennedy, to Europe in 1960.

Miss Tuckerman is described by friends as the "shy, engaging New Frontier type of young woman." She is five feet five, has dark hair and blue eyes. She is chic, but does not go in for



LETITIA BALDRIGE
... a new job, too

She will come to Washington in early May to be briefed on her new duties at the White House and to look for an apartment.

REACHED at her New York apartment last night by phone, Miss Tuckerman said she is excited about coming to Washington, but timid about following in the footsteps of so experienced and capable a person as Tish Baldrige.

"She has done so much and has so many talents that I don't have," said Miss Tuckerman.

Unlike Miss Baldrige, Nancy Tuckerman speaks no foreign languages.

"And I don't ride horseback, either," she added, referring to Mrs. Kennedy's favorite enthusiasm.

But she does share Mrs. Kennedy's love of art and music.

She said that she and the then Jackie Bouvier became great friends the three years they spent together at Farmington.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Tuckerman.

Miss Tuckerman, who is called "Tuck" or "Tuckie" by her friends, later worked as a secretary at Miss Chapin's School where she was once a student. For the past 10 years she has been a travel agent, associated with Frenc Hall Travel, Inc., in New York City.

She is the niece of Admiral Jerauld Wright (U. S. Navy) who now lives in Washington on 36th st.